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SAM NEWHOUSE, REPORTER

It's well-known to beachgoers who have gone to practice their breast stroke in the Atlantic and accidentally kicked one foot into a jellyfish's stinging tentacles that hydrozoan invertebrates can make a visit to the beach considerably less fun. In recent weeks, two people have been hospitalized after coming into contact with the "clinging jellyfish" at the Jersey Shore, a Pacific species that is spreading to the Atlantic and can cause excruciating pain. Scientists told Metro what they know about this rare species and what to do if you get stung (don't pee on it). Read more inside and on metrophilly.us.

WELCOME TO METRO PHILLY

FAMILY OF FIVE DIES IN APPARENT MURDER-SUICIDE

A family of five was found dead in an apparent murder-suicide in which the father is suspected of shooting his wife and three children, aged 3, 4 and 6 years, in their Delaware home before killing himself, police said on Tuesday. The bodies were discovered on Monday by a young boy who was supposed to stay at the residence in Prices Corner, west of the state's biggest city, Wilmington, a neighbor told TV broadcaster CBS Philly. Alisha Garvin told the broadcaster she heard popping noises at about noon on Monday and did not

think anything of it. The child who was supposed to sleep over at the house was dropped off, walked inside at about 7:30 p.m. on Monday and discovered the bodies, she said. About 30 minutes later, police arrived at the residence. Delaware State Police did not respond to a request for comment on the report or offer a motive for the incident. Those found dead were Matthew Edwards, 42, and his wife Julie Edwards, 41, a 6-year-old boy, 4-year-old girl and 3-year-old boy, state police said in a statement. "The victims were located inside the home deceased,"

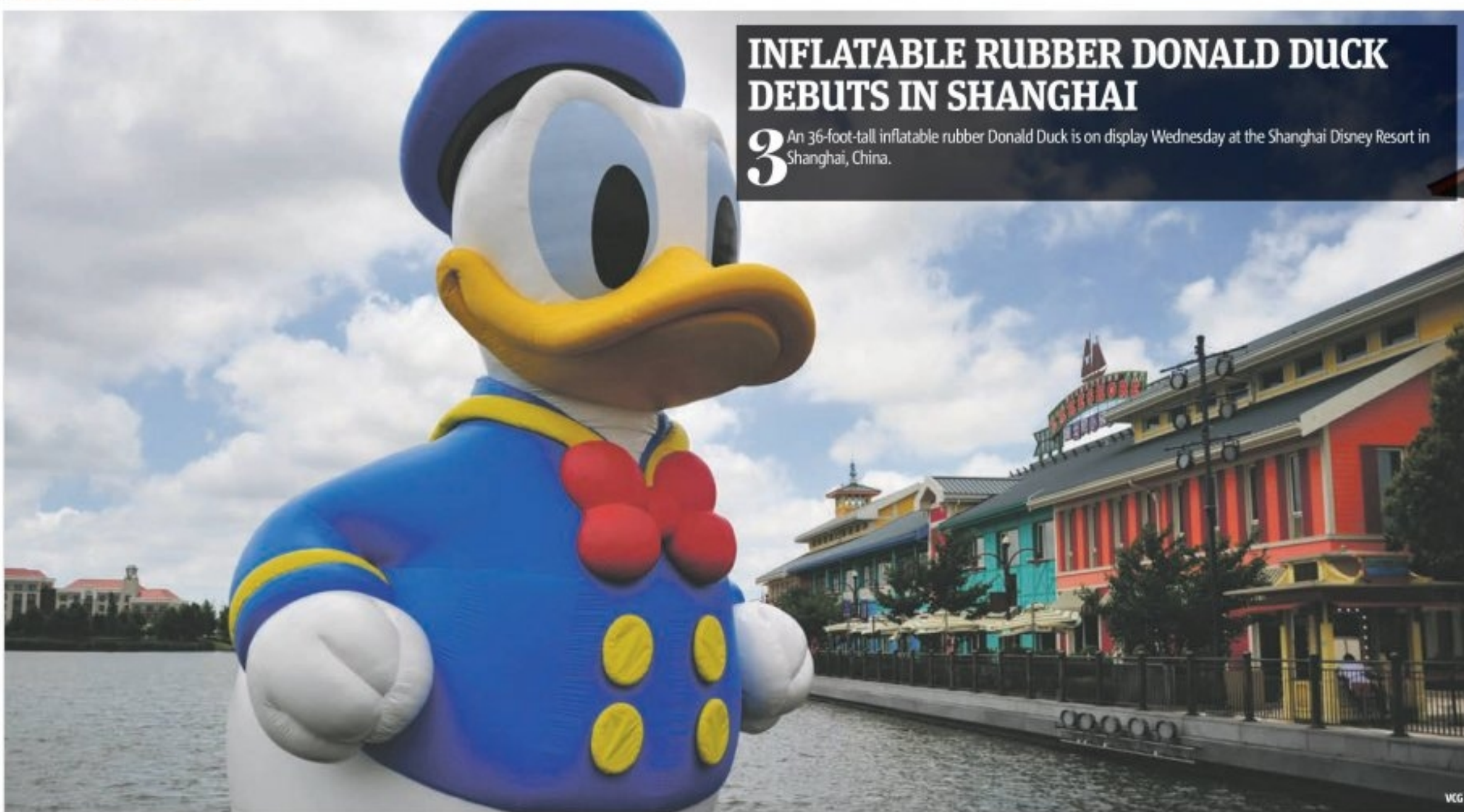
BILLS' MCCOY DENIES ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS

Buffalo Bills running back LeSean McCoy issued a statement on Instagram on Tuesday denying allegations of domestic violence, child abuse, animal cruelty and performance-enhancing drug use made by another Instagram user. The user posted an image of a woman with cuts and bruises on her face and accused McCoy of being responsible for the abuse. The post went on to accuse McCoy of beating his dog into kidney failure, "viciously" beating his son and using illegal steroids. "For the record, the totally baseless and offensive claims made

against me today on social media are completely false," McCoy said in his response. "Furthermore, I have not had any direct contact with any of the people involved for months." The woman in the photo is said to be Delicia Cordon, a previously known girlfriend of McCoy's, and the poster says she's a close friend of Cordon. The Bills reportedly are aware of the allegations and are looking into them. McCoy, 29, rushed for 1,138 yards and six touchdowns last season. He's a six-time Pro Bowl selection in his nine NFL seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles and Bills.

INFLATABLE RUBBER DONALD DUCK DEBUTS IN SHANGHAI

An 36-foot-tall inflatable rubber Donald Duck is on display Wednesday at the Shanghai Disney Resort in Shanghai, China.



RONALDO LEAVES REAL MADRID FOR JUVENTUS

Cristiano Ronaldo has joined Italian champions Juventus from Real Madrid on a four-year contract for \$117.34 million signaling the end of nine years at the Spanish giants filled with trophies and goals. The two European giants on Tuesday announced the much-anticipated deal for the five-times world player of the year who joined Real from Manchester United in 2008 for a then-world-record (\$106 million). The 33-year-old Portugal forward is the Spanish club's all-time top scorer with 451 goals in all competitions and won two La

Liga titles and four Champions League trophies with them. The signing of the latest Ballon d'Or winner and top scorer in the Champions League for the last six seasons represents a major coup for Juve, who have had a stranglehold on the Italian title since 2012 but have not won Europe's top prize since 1996. The signing also strikes a blow for the profile of Serie A against La Liga, which has now lost two of its three most famous players in the last year after Paris St Germain signed Neymar from Barcelona for a world-record fee last August.

OREGON RANCHERS PARDONED BY TRUMP

President Donald Trump on Tuesday pardoned two imprisoned Oregon ranchers whose sentencing on arson convictions sparked the 2016 occupation of a wildlife refuge, part of a long-simmering dispute over federal land policies in the West. The armed standoff at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in southeast Oregon followed a judge's ruling that sent Dwight Hammond and his son, Steven, back to prison to serve more time after their initial release. Police shot one of the occupiers dead during the 41-day midwinter protest. The takeover was

another flare-up in a decades-old conflict over federal control of millions of acres of public land in the Western U.S. The leaders of the Malheur standoff, including activists Ammon and Ryan Bundy, were cleared of federal charges for their role in the protest in October 2016. Ammon Bundy on Tuesday called the pardon "long overdue." "We went up there to prevent the atrocity from happening to begin with, and if people would have listened to us, the Hammonds wouldn't have to have gone through this suffering," Bundy said in a telephone interview.



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NEWS

What's next for Trump Supreme Court nominee? A 'free-for-all,' law prof says

The nomination and confirmation process is "bizarre" and deeply flawed, according to Rutgers expert.



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Minutes after President Donald Trump's nominee to the Supreme Court was announced Monday night, the political hype machine started winding up. Strong opinions were trumpeted, both for and against Judge Brett Kavanaugh, who was unknown to most Americans just days ago.

But in fact, according to Rutgers Law School professor Perry Dane, all this politicking and noise is precisely what is hampering the Supreme Court

from fulfilling its function as the third branch of government, empowered under Article 3 in the Constitution.

"The whole process is just bizarre. This is not how judges should get selected," Dane said. "It's really not up to justices to either affirm or disappoint their supporters. In principle, once they're appointed, they're supposed to be free agents, using their best judgment."

What can we expect during the confirmation hearings for Judge Kavanaugh? A "free-for-all," said Dane, who clerked for Supreme Court justice William J. Brennan in the 1980s.

"I'm, frankly, not looking forward to it. Whoever Trump nominates will be well-prepared and well-rehearsed not to say anything of much interest. ... There will be an effort to tease specific views from them, and the nominee will say very general



President Trump's Supreme Court nominee, Judge Brett Kavanaugh. GETTY

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Rutgers Law School professor Perry Dane

things and will talk about judging in very bland terms," he predicted. "There's going to be all the worst aspects of a political campaign without any of the actual information."

Dane predicted that with a Republican majority in the Senate, huge pressure will be brought to bear upon Sens. Susan Collins (R-ME) and Lisa

Murkowski (R-AK), who are seen as potential swing votes. But otherwise, the public can expect a vote along party lines.

"Most Republicans are going to vote yes, most Democrats will vote no," Dane said. "One of the things I'm not looking forward to in this process is presumably the opponents will try to figure

out some personal defect. ... If that happens there's a risk of it getting particularly ugly.

"If I were the Democrats, my opposition would be much less tied to the personal candidate. I would say we shouldn't have anybody until the election, or not let Trump get two nominations after the fiasco with Merrick Garland, or shouldn't let Trump pick somebody while the Mueller investigation is going on."

Is there a better way?

As an example of a better system, Dane cited the U.K., where three new justices, nominated by a neutral judicial commission, were appointed to the nation's 12-judge Supreme Court in 2017.

"Even though it is a very important court that issues very important decisions, there wasn't nearly the same sort of fuss or sense of political crisis," Dane said. "They really tried to pick the three

judges in the country who were the most superbly qualified."

He argued that past Supreme Courts have had more "flexible" judges, like retiring Justice Anthony Kennedy, who despite being a Republican was known for authoring some of the court's most progressive opinions.

"If I were designing a Supreme Court, I might have a few people who were very clearly ideologues on the left and ideologues on the right, and I'd have a nice mushy center of people who were willing to be convinced one way or the other on each case and issue," he said.

"The current split is very identified with our political parties. ... You really have the Supreme Court viewed as another legislature. People just get used to it and they forget that it's bizarre and weird and bad, both for the law and the country."

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This clinging jellyfish was found by Prof. Paul Bologna in Barnegat Bay near Island Beach State Park on July 9 where two people were recently hospitalized after coming into contact with this species' stinging tentacles. **SAM NEWHOUSE**



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Cautious, beachcombers! Dangerous jellyfish sighted on Jersey Shore

The "clinging jellyfish," a rare and dangerous species, has been spotted in Barnegat Bay.



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They may look like harmless invertebrates, but some jellyfish can hurt you — a lot. That includes the clinging jellyfish, a hydrozoan recently discovered for the first time in high numbers in Barnegat Bay.

"Most things, the pain starts to subside after a while," said Montclair State University professor Dr. Paul Bologna. "The people that have been stung by these clinging jellies, it's painful to start, but then the pain doesn't go away. It just slowly ratchets itself up, until they're like, 'I've got to go to the ER, I'm in that much pain.'"

About 40 clinging jellyfish (*Gonionemus vertens*) were discovered on July 9 in Tices Shoal near Island Beach State Park, a bay frequented by boaters, by Bologna and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection research sci-

entists working to track the origin of the attacks that hospitalized two boaters.

"We navigated to the point where the guy said he got stung, and my student, the very first sweep, he pulls one up," Bologna said. "That never happens."

Two clinging jellyfish attacks were reported around Tices Shoal on boaters who had jumped off their boats into shallow water — and immediately gotten stung. One attack was on July 4, the other on July 8. Both boaters were hospitalized and treated with morphine for the excruciating pain.

"The clinging jellyfish is native to the Pacific. The first occurrence in New Jersey was in 2016. So we really don't know much about them," Bologna said, noting that most sightings were near Shrewsbury. "2018 was the first time we found them in Barnegat Bay, and we found them in really high numbers down here."

The quarter-size clinging jellyfish's tentacles are filled with stinging cells that can release potent paralysis toxins and neurotoxins, intended to incapacitate



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Beachgoers are advised to avoid jellyfish that may have washed ashore, as even a dead jellyfish's tentacles can still sting. PAUL BOLOGNA/GETTY IMAGES

the prey they feed on.

"When you encounter them in open water, they've got tentacles that are 15 to 25 feet long, and when you try to brush them away they just get wrapped around your arms and your legs," Bologna said. "You get an active dose of the toxins going into you. It's going to kill your skin, and it leaves really nasty scarring all over you. That is when they're really dangerous."

Bologna urged members of the public who see dangerous jellyfish to report them to the New Jersey Jellyspot-
tters Facebook group, or to email him directly with a photo and the location of the sighting at bolognap@montclair.edu.

Is it a bio-invasion?

Clinging jellyfish are believed to have appeared in the Atlantic Ocean through attaching themselves to commercial ships. The first clinging jellyfish discovered in New Jersey were DNA-matched to a vari-

ety common to the China Sea, according to a paper Bologna and fellow researchers authored on the 2016 invasion.

Other rare and dangerous jellyfish like the Portuguese man o' war (*Physalia physalis*), also known as the "blue bottle" or "floating terror,"

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Montclair State University professor Dr. Paul Bologna

have been spotted in the past four years on the Jersey Shore. Believed to migrate around the globe on gusts of current, recent sightings of the man o' war have been on beaches in Lavallette, Wildwood, and Cape May County.

The man o' war, previously spotted in 2015 in Harvey Cedars Beach and in Stone Harbor, can cause extreme pain, fever, shock, lung and heart problems, and even death. But no man o' war victims have been reported yet in New Jersey.

"The little clinging jellies are the ones that are sending people to the hospital," Bologna said. "Those guys are really nasty."

IF YOU GET STUNG

- Don't pee on the wound; that is a false urban legend.

- The commercial product Sting-No-More was created to combat the pain of jellyfish stings and works against most types of jellyfish stings.

- Alternately, pour white vinegar on the injury to im-

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'Nobody thought we could do it': Rescue of Thai boys accomplished

Soccer team came out of cave in good health, will stay in hospital for a week.

Rescuers freed the last four of 12 Thai boys and their soccer coach from deep inside a flooded cave on Tuesday, a successful end to a perilous mission that gripped the world for more than two weeks.

The "Wild Boars" soccer team, aged between 11 and 16, and their 25-year-old coach became trapped on June 23 while exploring the cave complex in the northern province of Chiang Rai when a rainy season downpour flooded the tunnels.

"We are not sure if this is a miracle, a science, or what. All the thirteen Wild Boars are now out of the cave," the Navy SEAL unit, which led the rescue, said on its Facebook page, adding all



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were safe.

British divers found the 13, hungry and huddled in darkness on a muddy bank in a partly flooded chamber several kilometers inside the Tham Luang cave complex, on Monday last week.

After pondering for days how to get the 13

out, a rescue operation was launched on Sunday when four of the boys were brought out, tethered to rescue divers.

Another four were rescued on Monday and the last four boys and the coach were brought out on Tuesday, prompting rounds of spontaneous applause as ambulances

and helicopters passed.

Celebrations were tinged with sadness over the loss of a former Thai navy diver who died on Friday while on a resupply mission inside the cave.

"I want to tell the coach thank you so much for helping the boys survive this long," said one



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Chiang Rai woman wearing a traditional dress, tears brimming in her eyes.

"I remember all of their faces, especially the youngest one. He's the smallest one and he doesn't have as much experience as the others. ... I felt like he was one of my own children and I wanted him to come home."

Rescuers brought out the last five on stretchers, one by one over the course of Tuesday, and they were taken by helicopter to hospital.

Chief of the rescue mission Narongsak Osotanakorn addressed reporters at the end of the 17-day mission, arriving at a media center to a round of applause.

He confirmed that a medic and all navy SEAL divers involved in the rescue mission had also left the cave safely.

"Nobody thought we could do it. It was a world first," he said. "It was Mission Possible for Team Thailand."

"The heroes this time are people all over the world," he added, referring to the multinational

team that assisted in the operation.

"This mission was successful because we had power. The power of love. Everybody sent it to the 13."

Officials said details of the rescue operation would be revealed on Wednesday.

"We are not sure if this is a miracle, science or what. All the 13 Wild Boars are now out of the cave."

Navy SEAL unit

The eight boys brought out on Sunday and Monday were in good health overall and some asked for chocolate bread for breakfast, officials said earlier.

Two of the boys had suspected lung infections but the four boys from the first group rescued were all walking around

in hospital.

Volunteers from as far away as Australia and the United States helped with the effort to rescue the boys. U.S. military personnel also helped.

President Donald Trump hailed the rescue.

"On behalf of the United States, congratulations to the Thai Navy SEALs and all on the successful rescue of the 12 boys and their coach from the treacherous cave in Thailand," Trump said on Twitter.

"Such a beautiful moment — all freed, great job!"

Authorities did not reveal the identity of the boys as they were brought out. Parents of the four boys rescued on Sunday were allowed to see them through a glass window at the hospital, public health officials said on Tuesday, but they will be quarantined for the time being.

The boys were still being quarantined from their parents because of the risk of infection and would likely be kept in hospital for a week for tests, officials said earlier.

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#HOMEALONE reports on the street mural of Russia head coach Stanislav Cherchesov that had to be repainted by artists

Works of local graffiti artists have sparked several controversies at this year's World Cup. And now another scandal is going on in Saint Petersburg, Russia's second-largest city.

In Saint Petersburg, a group dubbed HoodGraff painted an image of Russia's

head coach Stanislav Cherchesov, who helped the squad reach the quarterfinals of the tournament, ahead of the match against Egypt. His image stayed intact until Russia was eliminated last Saturday by Croatia in a dramatic penalty shootout.

As the squad's dream of reaching semifinals ended that night, fans of the FC Zenit Saint Petersburg went and painted out the coach's finger — as if they had been amputated. According to reports, fans did not like that in the image Cherchesov

was showing the letter "L," an informal symbol for the current Polish champions Legia Warsaw, which he coached in 2015-2016.

As #HOMEALONE found out, "cutting off" the finger of Russia's team leader has caused a scuffle between Zenit ultras and passers-by, who tried to defend the image.

"They explained that only Zenit can be in the city, and there is no place for Legia Warsaw. Thus, the graffiti was 'sentenced' since the very first day of its appearance," Elena,

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a witness, told the local media. "Those fans were only waiting for the national team to be out of the tournament. We tried to spot them but my friend was knocked to the ground and beat. Another young man tried to help but

got a hard time as well."

After artists heard about the fighting their work caused, they decided to paint out the image on Tuesday and left a note saying "Until tomorrow..."

On Tuesday morn-

ing a photograph of new graffiti featuring Cherchesov appeared at the same place. @ Kostya_Belukov, who posted the shot on Twitter stated: "Now it is like this in Saint Petersburg. I think for the last time."

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Ex-Apple worker charged with stealing self-driving car trade secrets

Xiaolang Zhang was arrested by authorities at the San Jose Airport.

U.S. authorities on Monday charged a former Apple Inc. employee with theft of trade secrets, alleging that the person downloaded a secret blueprint related to a self-driving car to a personal laptop and later trying to flee the country, according to a criminal complaint filed in federal court.

The complaint said that the former employee, Xiaolang Zhang, disclosed intentions to work for a Chinese self-driving car startup and booked a last-minute flight to China after downloading the plan for a circuit board for the self-driving car. Authorities arrested Zhang on July 7 at the San Jose airport after he passed through a security checkpoint.

"Apple takes confidentiality and the protection of our intellectual property very seriously," Apple said in a statement. "We're working with authorities on this matter and will do everything possible to make sure this individual and any other individuals involved are held accountable for their actions."

Tamara Crepet, a lawyer provisionally appointed to represent Zhang, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The criminal complaint says Zhang was

hired to develop software and hardware for Apple's autonomous vehicle project, where he designed and tested circuit boards to analyze sensor data.

In April, Zhang took paternity leave following the birth of a child and traveled with his family to China, according to the complaint filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

"Apple takes confidentiality and the protection of our intellectual property very seriously."

Apple

When Zhang returned near the end of April he told his supervisor he planned to resign, move back to China and work for Xiaopeng Motors, an intelligent electric vehicle company headquartered there with offices in Silicon Valley, the complaint says.

Zhang's supervisor called in Apple security officials, who discovered that Zhang had run extensive searches of secret databases and had come on to Apple's campus on April 28, when he was supposed to be on paternity leave, the complaint alleges.

While on campus, the

complaint alleges, Zhang took circuit boards and a computer server from a self-driving car hardware lab, and his Apple co-workers showed him a "proprietary chip."

The complaint did not state whether the chip was intended for self-driving cars. About 5,000 of Apple's 135,000 employees were allowed access to information about its self-driving car project, but only 2,700 of them had access to the secret databases that Zhang had access to, according to the complaint.

Zhang told Apple officials he had taken the hardware from the lab because he wanted to transfer to a new position within Apple and thought it would be useful to him, the complaint states.

Zhang also allegedly downloaded data to a personally owned computer, including a 25-page secret blueprint for circuit board for a self-driving car, which investigators described as "the single file" that "serves as the basis for the instant criminal charge."

Agents for the Federal Bureau of Investigation questioned Zhang and served a search warrant at his house on June 27, according to the complaints. Agents learned he had purchased a "last-minute, round trip airline ticket with no co-travelers" destined for China on July 7 and arrested Zhang at the airport, according to the complaint. **REUTERS**



Pat King
Grumble Editor

LET US SOLVE YOUR GRUMBLES!

Over the past few months, we've welcomed Grumble submissions from you — our loyal readers — to get a sense of what's been bothering you in your day-to-day lives. It got the conversation started on a couple of different topics, from people with bad

subway etiquette, vaping in the office, and so on. Now, we're asking readers to help us take it a bit further. For the next few weeks we want you to write to us with problems you may have in your neighborhood and

we will look into it personally. The time for simply Grumbling with no action is OVER! This is your chance to finally figure out why the city hasn't fixed that pothole outside of your apartment or, you know, what that

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- Steven Chanel, Metro US reader

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-  **Cancer** An excursion or shopping trip will lead to some interesting ideas and purchases. Share your intentions with someone who can help you with your plans.
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-  **Capricorn** Don't let your emotions get in the way of accomplishing something you want to pursue. A change at home will end up being more beneficial than anticipated.
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"The Handmaid's Tale"
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What to expect after 'The Handmaid's Tale' season 2 finale

Following Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement announcement in early July, the already-popular comparisons between American politics and Hulu's "The Handmaid's Tale" were kicked up a notch. As Alex Zaragoza wrote for the Daily Beast, "The current season of 'The Handmaid's Tale' has been brutal. And so has America as of late."

Whether these comparisons are too far-fetched or too on-the-nose, one thing is clear: "The Handmaid's Tale" has become a pop-culture phenomenon. Even if watching it is as "masochistic" as Zaragoza claims, critics and Hulu subscrib-

ers alike can't take their eyes off of it. Which is why, as the second season concludes with "The Word," it should come as no surprise that a third season is on the way.

In May, Variety reported that Hulu had renewed the Emmy and Peabody Award-winning series for a third season. Elisabeth Moss and the other major cast members who survive the second season finale's events are all expected to return, but aside from the renewal itself, nothing is known about "The Handmaid's Tale" season three.

Considering what happened in last week's penultimate "Postpartum,"

however, we can make a few guesses as to what "The Word" has in store for the willing and unwilling residents of Gilead. Who knows? There might even be something there that hints at what's to come next season.

The second-to-last episode of season two ended with the execution of Nick's child bride Eden Spencer, and her lover Isaac, one of the Guardians. Though Nick and Eden forgave each other for their sleights, she and Isaac refused to renounce their sins before the community and were summarily drowned. It's not one of the most shocking images produced by "The Handmaid's Tale,"

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What's next for Offred and company in season 3?

but it has a surprisingly strong effect on Offred/June (Moss) and the other Handmaids.

As writer and producer Eric Tuchman told the Hollywood Reporter, witnessing Eden's death brings June and Serena Waterford (Yvonne Strahovski), the wife of the former's handler Commander Fred Waterford

(Joseph Fiennes), together.

"It's only Eden's execution, with both of them witnessing this horrible crime, that brings these two women together," he said. "It's such a lovely image of the two of them, these two women who are so often in that opposition, together with [June's] baby after

the execution."

Viewers will have to wait until Wednesday's "The Word" to see precisely how this new dynamic between June and Serena alters the course of the entire series, but judging by Tuchman's hints here, Eden's death is going to trigger massive ramifications for "The Handmaid's Tale."

Not just for season 2, but for whatever he and the other writers cook up for the guaranteed third season sometime in the next year.

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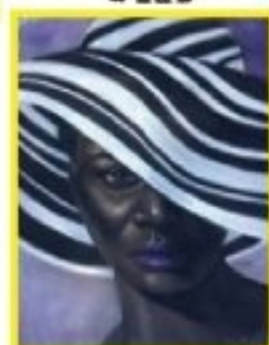
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If you haven't been to Bermuda, there's never been a better time to go, because there is now a direct flight from Philadelphia to the British island territory.

In the time it takes some of us to drive to the Jersey Shore, you can hop on a flight and experience the pink-sand beaches, crystal blue waters and white-stepped roofs firsthand. In case you need a little more convincing, here are five reasons you should make the trek to Bermuda this summer.

1. The weather is perfect.
When it comes to Ber-



It's hard to tell which blue is prettier — the water or the sky. **ALL PHOTOS JENNIFER LOGUE**

muda, you have a wide window of opportunity for beautiful weather. If you want to save a few bucks and don't mind skipping the swimming

part, you can visit during March or April and get a heavy dose of sunshine. If you're looking for a full-blown beach vacation, May through October is

the high season, and while it's certainly hot, it's never too hot, with tempera-

tures falling somewhere between 75 F and 85 F.

2. The locals are super friendly. Bermudans welcome visitors with open arms, so don't be surprised when complete strangers greet you in the street with a hello and a smile. If visits to other off-the-beaten-path destinations make you nervous because you don't speak the local language, Bermuda is perfect because everyone speaks English.

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Get up close and personal with cahow at Nonsuch Island.

5. The food scene is booming.

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One of your options is to leave them under the care of relatives or neigh-

bors, but for those who do not have anyone to turn to, following some care guidelines will guarantee the survival of the most sensitive plants.

Some are more delicate and when subjected to the absence of water, do not return to their original state and eventually perish.

Check these three valuable tips that can help you avoid an unpleasant surprise when you return home from your trip:



If possible collect some of your potted plants from the sunniest balconies to prevent the hot sun from punishing them in the absence of water. If the plant comes from the succulent or cacti family, there is not much need because they endure long periods of drought. Otherwise, placing them up in a cooler place will prevent the substrate from cracking and the plant from suffering.

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Regarding luminosity, do not forget that plants, to produce energy and survive, perform photosynthesis and for this process to occur one of the necessary elements is light. Therefore, plants that are left in dark places will weaken and can die, depending on the period they are left without sun light. Leave indoor plants near windows or places with light incidence.



Another suggestion is irrigation. Wet abundantly and cover it with a plastic bag (that does not touch the leaves) like a greenhouse, this is good during your days of absence. You can also place a sponge at the base that will absorb the water and keep it stay hydrated. Another solution, are drippers with a timer, for those who like green technology. The equipment connects to a faucet and can be activated during the days and hours you chose. The products are for sale at nurseries and at some supermarkets.

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SPORTS

Star hunting has not yet worked for Philly.

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Brett Brown's famous quote that the Sixers were "star hunting" this offseason was a hit on social media.

Well, that was the only place it was a hit.

The offseason has been rather calm for the Philadelphia 76ers, a team coming off a 52-win season and a playoff series win over the Miami Heat. Maybe the Sixers overvalued their collective talent in regards to adding huge pieces.

LeBron James? Nope. King James chose to leave Cleveland after four years in a second stint and signed with the Los

Sixers whiff in free agency



There were dreams of LeBron James and/or Paul George coming to Philly this summer but both players have wound up elsewhere. GETTY IMAGES

Angeles Lakers.

Paul George? Nope. George decided to re-sign with the Oklahoma City Thunder and remain alongside Russell Westbrook.

Kawhi Leonard? Not yet. It appears as if the

San Antonio Spurs are asking a ton in exchange for Leonard. Dario Saric, Robert Covington, Markelle Fultz and a couple of first-round picks seems like too much.

There's still time to acquire Leonard. For now,

it doesn't appear likely.

The Sixers still have their core of Joel Embiid, Ben Simmons, Saric, Covington, Fultz, T.J. McConnell, etc. returning next season.

After missing out on James and George,

Philadelphia did re-sign sharpshooter J.J. Redick to a one-year deal worth between \$12-13 million. That was a wise move and it had to be done as the Sixers are craving wing shooters.

In addition, the Six-

ers picked up Wilson Chandler in a trade with the Denver Nuggets. It's unclear if he'll be on the opening day roster, but for now, adding Chandler is an understandable move.

The Sixers also re-upped forward Amir Johnson to a one-year deal. The move didn't shake the transaction wire in the league, even though Johnson is a respected veteran.

Finally, the Sixers added Nemanja Bjelica to a one-year deal for the bargain rate of \$4.4 million. He spent the past three seasons with the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Bjelica was the EuroLeague Most Valuable Player in 2015 before moving to the NBA and has the ability to knock down long-range shots in bunches.

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France waits for England or Croatia

The two unlikely semifinalists clash today for a spot in the World Cup Final.



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One of these Cinderella stories have to come to an end today (2 p.m., Fox), but England and Croatia will round out semifinal play at the 2018 World Cup where one nation will punch a somewhat unlikely ticket to Sunday's Final where it will meet the France after its 1-0 victory over Belgium.

It's a rare appearance in the last four for both countries, which makes the all-European clash even more of a must-watch.

England has made the semifinals just twice in 14 previous tournaments, winning the World Cup in 1966 and finishing fourth in 1990.

While the country has been made synonymous with the game of soccer, it has been rather irrelevant since its semifinal appearance 28 years ago. A pair of quarterfinal appearances aren't necessarily something to write home about if you're English, but that's the best the Three Lions have mustered in

the nearly three decades since losing in penalties to West Germany at Italy 1990.

Expectations were actually quite low for England entering the tournament. Gareth Southgate assembled a younger, inexperienced side when it comes to the international stage.

With an average age of about 26, the Three Lions have leaned on the likes of Tottenham stars Harry Kane and Dele Alli, along with the 24-year-old Everton goalkeeper Jordan Pickford, who didn't make his England senior team debut until November of last year.

Kane has carried the offensive attack as he leads the Golden Boot race in Russia with six goals. Five of those came in the group stage, including a hat-trick against Panama, before tallying one in a penalty shootout win over Colombia in the Round of 16.

The shootout win over Los Cafeteros was the first such triumph for England at the World Cup after an excruciating jinx that saw it crash out of the 1990, 1998 and 2006 tournaments. Pickford proved vital in the victory, parrying away Carlos Bacca's attempt

to help secure the Three Lions' advancement into the quarterfinals where it would dispose of Sweden.

Now comes a stiff test in Croatia, who needed a penalty shootout to get past Denmark in the Round of 16 and the hosts Russia in the quarterfinals.

Croatia is making its second appearance in a World Cup semifinal, its first coming in 1998 which was just seven years after gaining independence from Yugoslavia.

With one of the best midfield duos in the world with Real Madrid's Luka Modric and Barcelona's Ivan Rakitic, Croatia improbably dominated Group D which included a decisive 3-0 victory over Lionel Messi and Argentina.

Also grouped with Nigeria and Iceland, Croatia's chances of getting out of the group were fairly high. This was a team that should have defeated eventual champions Portugal in the Round of 16 at Euro 2016.

Modric is the only Croatian with multiple goals at this year's tournament (2), but the Blazers boast seven other goal scorers indicating a deep, balanced side.



Harry Kane (top) and Luka Modric (bottom) will be two names to watch as England takes on Croatia today in the World Cup semis. GETTY IMAGES

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Drug Companies Fear Release Of New \$2 Sex Pill For Older Men

Men in clinical trial see huge boost in desire, strength of erections, and sexual activity without side effects.

NEW YORK - It's hard to believe that in America today an affordable pill that could improve the sex lives of millions of men is in danger of being yanked from the shelves. And it's just because big drug companies fear for their profits.

The pharmaceutical industry is desperately

Pharma's efforts, sales have already exceeded expectations.

Exciting Benefits

There are very good reasons why sales are booming and drug companies want it gone. Apart from costing just two dollars per daily dose, the clinical results confirm JackedUp's active ingredient is very impressive. It

Viagra) and make big profits. Plus, if you're over 50 and suffering from low sex drive, decreased stamina and inability to perform, low testosterone is the biggest factor. If you can safely boost your testosterone, *you won't need their expensive pills*. That's the very reason big business is trying to have it pulled from the shelves.

Strong Clinical Results Worry Big Pharma

Recent clinical trials on JackedUp's active ingredient have made the drug companies more desperate. The trial results were published in major medical journals, and doctors are now recommending JackedUp to patients.

The testing was done on men 40 - 65 years old, and the results were remarkable. The men who took the active ingredient in JackedUp reported major improvements in their sex lives. Their ability to get and keep erections went up by over 200%. Libido and sex drive surged. Even staying power and stamina during sex more than doubled!

Head of product development, Dave McNeill, said the big drug companies weren't worried at first. "They didn't care because the active ingredient can take a few weeks before many men really feel the benefits. But these awesome clinical trials really got their attention. They're learning A LOT of men will wait a few weeks if it means avoiding negative side effects and saving money."

How It Works

The "JackedUp" pill works by helping older men produce more testosterone. It doesn't force dangerous fake testosterone into your body like injections do. Instead, it works with your body to produce testosterone naturally. And the results have been extraordinary. It's like your body reboots itself to feel like it did in the prime of your life.

Initial Users Are Thrilled...And Worried

"JackedUp has been awesome for my sex drive and performance! I'm worried it may not be available in the future. The idea that it may be taken away just to secure some big drug company's profits is very frustrating."

- Rob H., 49 years old, Colorado Springs, CO

"My wife and I were both sexually vibrant until I had prostate cancer. After my surgery we tried everything my doctor recommended but nothing worked. Within a few weeks of taking JackedUp, everything has been functioning beautifully and we've been riding high ever since!"

- Ken S., 78 years old, Phoenix, AZ

Doctors Speak Out

Drug companies are also concerned that doctors are now recommending JackedUp. The active ingredient has strong clinical results and lacks the side effects seen in current drugs on the market. This makes it an easy option for doctors to suggest.



Big Pharma Worried: Older men are having better sex after taking the newly released \$2 pill called JackedUp. Clinical trials show active ingredient triggers surge in desire, strength of erections, and sexual activity in older men.

"If you're over 50 and suffering from low sex drive, decreased stamina and inability to perform, low testosterone is the biggest factor. Drug companies do NOT want men to know about this affordable new pill..."

trying to stop shipments of the remarkable new "JackedUp" pill. Big Pharma is worried because men are reporting increased sex drive, stronger erections and more stamina - all without the side-effects and \$40-per-pill price tag associated with drugs like Viagra. Clinical results show men feel these benefits within just a few weeks of taking JackedUp's active ingredient.

The pill, made for men over 50, was released early last month. Despite Big

greatly boosts a man's ability to get and keep erections. Stamina during sex also improves.

The product also has a unique ability to help men feel more passion, desire, and sex drive. These impressive benefits come from boosting testosterone levels by up to a whopping 193%. Doctors are astounded by its effects.

Why do drug companies want this pill stopped? Since the "JackedUp" pill is natural, drug companies can't patent it (like they did with

Dr. Laguna-Bedia, a specialist in internal medicine says, "A lot of men think their lack of interest and inability to perform are simply parts of aging. This is just not true. JackedUp can help these men regain a healthy appetite for sex and the physical ability to perform."

"JackedUp works by boosting key male hormones without side effects. The benefits of these hormones to sexual health are well known, but they actually do more than that. Men also report more energy, less body fat and higher motivation," said Dr. G. Pereira, a renowned surgeon in Florida.

Dr. Jacob Moss notes, "I recommend JackedUp if you're struggling with getting and keeping erections or low libido. It's also a great option for men who want to last longer and have more control over when they orgasm."

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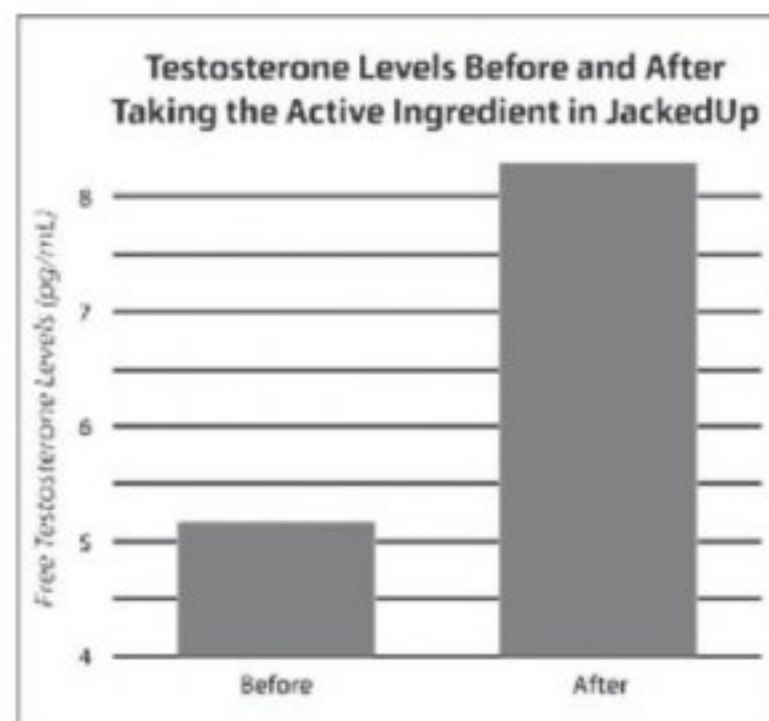
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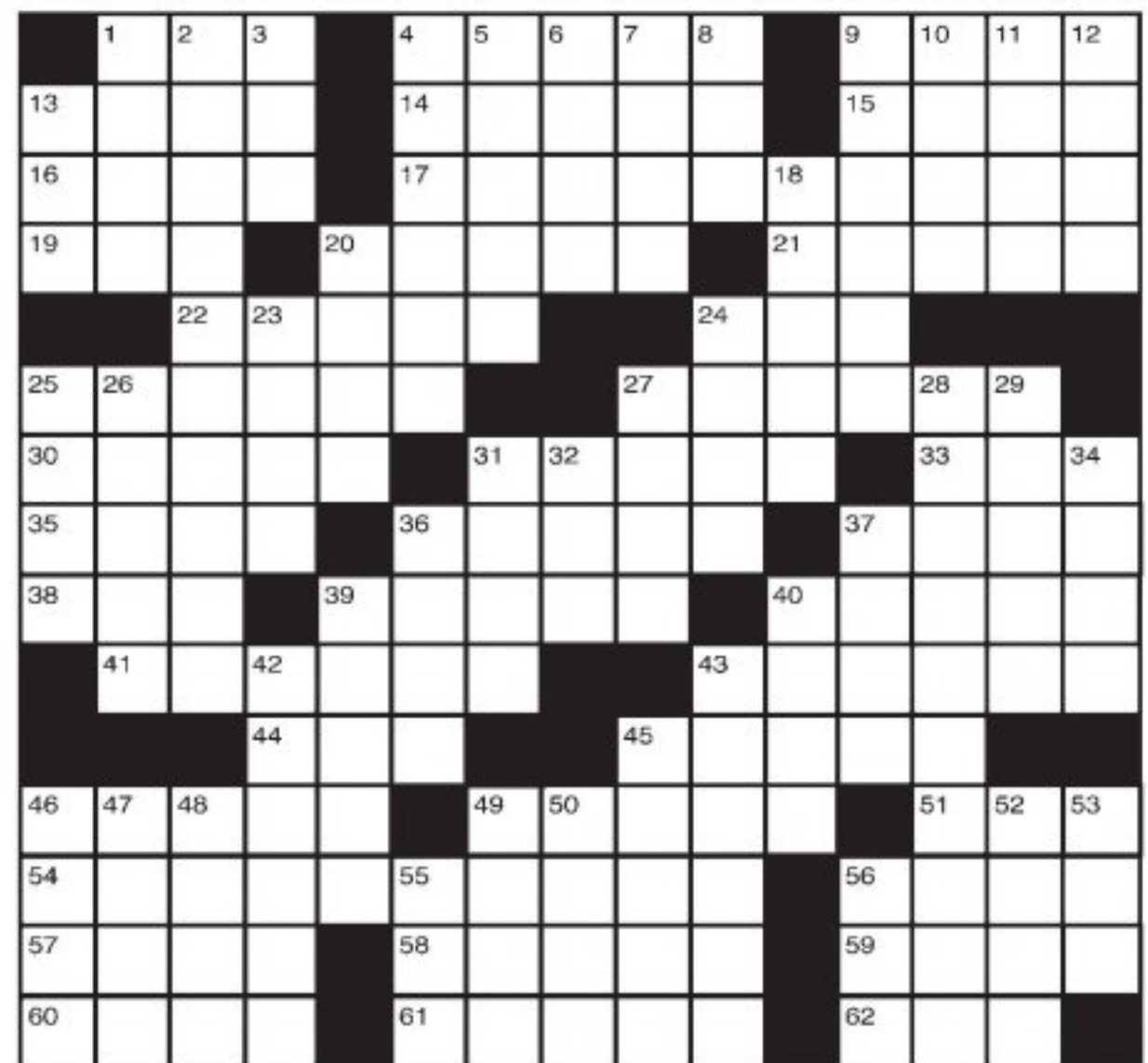
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18 Loiter
20 Stick around
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27 ___ on; visit
28 Failed to notice
29 Chutzpah
31 One-dish meal
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43 Baking potato
45 Pig out
46 Nimble
47 Word of agreement
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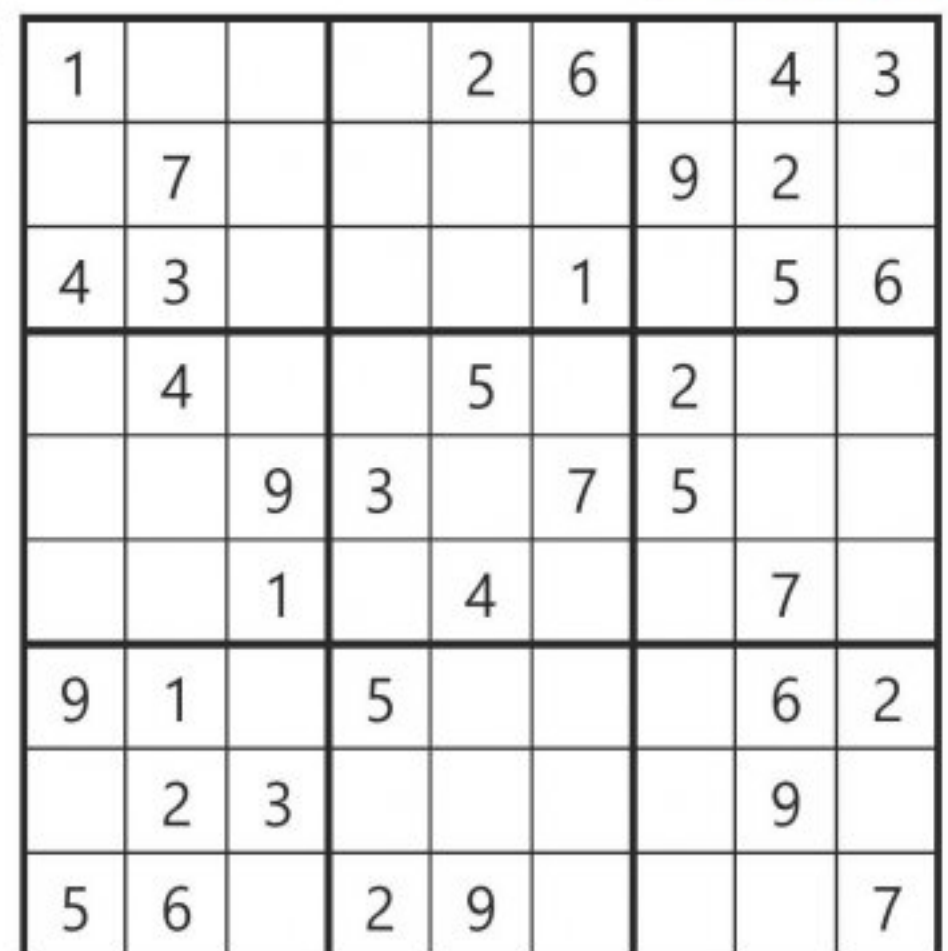
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